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*May it pleaſe your ſacred Majeſtie,*

IT hath been my greateſt griefe in all theſe troubles, to be taken as a perſon which ſhould endeavour to repreſent and ſet things amiſſe betweene your Majeſtie and your people; and to give Counſels tending to the diſquiet of the three Kingdomes.

Moſt true it is, that this mine own private condition conſidered; it had been a great madneſſe, ſince through your gracious favour I was ſo provided, as not to expect in any kinde to mend my fortune, or pleaſe my minde, more, then by reſting where your bounteous hands had placed me.

Nay, it is moſt mightily miſtaken, for unto your Majeſtie it is well known, my poore, and humble adviſes concluded ſtill in this, That your Majeſtie and your people could never be happy, till there were a right underſtanding betwixt you and them: no other meanes to effect, and ſettle this happineſſe, but by the Counſell, and aſſent of the Parliament; or to prevent the growing evils upon this State but by intirely putting your ſelfe in the laſt reſort, upon the Loyalty, and good affections of your Engliſh Subjects.

Yet ſuch is my misfortune, this truth findeth little credit, the contrrary ſeemeth generally to be beleeved, and my ſelfe reputed, as ſome thing of ſeparation between you and your people, under a heavier cenſure then which I am perſwaded no Gentleman can ſuffer.

Now, I underſtand the minds of men are more incenſed againſt me, notwithſtanding your Majeſtie hath declared, that in your Princely opinion, I am not guilty of Treaſon, nor are you ſatisfied in your conſcience to paſſe the Bill.

This bringeth me into a very great ſtreight, there is before me the ruine of my Children, and Family, hitherto untouched, in all the branches of it with any foule crimes. Here is before me the many ills, which may befall your ſacred perſon, and the whole Kingdome, ſhould your ſelfe, and Parliament part leſſe

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